If you've purchased new tires since Oct. 1, you may have noticed a 50-cent-per-tire fee. The 50 cents collected on the purchase of every new tire is used to clean up scrap tires, which are a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus and other diseases. Fires from scrap tires release hazardous substances into the air and can burn for months or even years. If you've purchased new tires recently, you've helped make a cleaner, healthier, safer Missouri.

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